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Dear Karl:

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chairman of the Indiana Toll Road Oversight Board to request that you bring before the Board at its next meeting on June 14 a resolution endorsing the extension of electronic tolling discounts on the Indiana Toll Road to holders of I-PASS transponders.

Thousands of Northwest Indiana residents benefit from the toll discounts currently offered by Illinois on its toll roads, including those in the heavily traveled Chicagoland area. So it is right and fair that we reciprocate with a gesture of friendship and good neighborliness.

The funds set aside from the Major Moves transaction will be adequate to cover the reciprocal arrangement. I-PASS holders could obtain an I-ZOOM transponder which would automatically entitle them to the toll discount, but this resolution will make that step unnecessary and alleviate any inadvertent cases of double billing or safety if drivers try to switch transponders while traveling.

Offering discounts for the use of electronic tolling transponders is sound public policy, as it encourages adoption of a technology that will help ease congestion and increase efficiencies in operating the Toll Road. It also makes sense to support the interoperability of the transponder systems by allowing I-PASS users to obtain their tolling discount directly.

I appreciate your willingness to bring this resolution forward, and for your service on the Oversight Board, which has done excellent work in ensuring the smooth and successful transfer of Toll Road management to the ITRCC.

Sincerely,

M E Daniels, Jr.